Hot off the press!

This is our newsletter for Spring/Summer 2013. It is a little late due to my busy schedule in the past few months. However, here it is!—thanks to Mahmoud Altawalbih, our MSN student from Jordan, who is my graduate assistant and who was instrumental in redesigning the newsletter format, selecting pictures, and putting in captions.

We were quite busy and productive with our international activities in Spring and Summer 2013. In Spring, we hosted a PhD student visitor from Brazil and a nursing faculty from South Korea. Our international guests and students made professional and/or research presentations at different venues inside the USA: Brown Bag presentations, Driving the Future, MNRS Conference, and Robinson’s Memorial Hospital Research Day. Over the summer, a few faculty members presented their work in Japan, Thailand, and Slovakia and one faculty (Dr. Bromley) mentored a Fulbright scholar from Iraq.

Study abroad was accomplished in the Dominican Republic and Geneva. Initiated by our College, Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) between KSU and other universities in various countries are now in different stages. These countries include:

- **Brazil**: The Federal University of Santa Catarina (in progress)
- **Japan**: Saku University (complete)
- **Slovakia**: St. Elizabeth in Bratislava (under consideration)
- **Thailand**: Mahidol University, Naresuan University, and Khon Kaen University (all in progress)

At the end of Spring, a pizza party for our international students was held on the last day of the semester to celebrate our students’ success. We had a lot of fun! I hope you enjoy viewing our pictures and captions in this issue.

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In May, Drs. Erdmanns & Dr. Andrade from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil met with Dean Dzurec, Dr. Anthony, Dr. Ross, and Sarah Malcolm from the Office of Global Education to initiate an MOA.
Nursing In Korea

Dr. Chin Koh, visiting professor presenting “Cultural Issues and Caregiving in Korea,” which compared and contrasted how palliative care is handled within the Korean family unit as well as the country.

Nursing in Oman

Fulbright PhD Student Amal Al-Alawi, presenting nursing education and healthcare in Oman.

Nursing In Brazil

PhD student visitor Jose' Luis, presenting Nursing in Brazil.
Students’ Presentations at the 2013 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Conference in Chicago……..

Our international PhD students presenting at the 2013 MNRS conference in Chicago: Presentations made by Pim Jittapirom (Thailand) and Jehad Rababah (Jordan).

Mixed Methods: Typology & Controversies

Combined feedback from the 2012 International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry with recent research and/or dissertation themes.
Faculty & international guests/ students presentations at the 19th Annual Nursing Research Day: “Bridging Culture and Diversity Across Practice and Research” — Robinson Memorial Hospital on April 26, 2013

“Promoting Diversity and Globalization through Distance Preceptorship in Nursing Education” by:
Yvonne Smith, MSN, RN, CNS Chin Kang Koh, PhD, RN (Korea)
Mary Beth Penkala, RN, MSN, AOCNS

“The Culture of Self-Care in an Online Learning Environment by Nurse Educator Graduate Students” by:
Carol Sedlak, PhD, RN, CNS, FAAN
Tina Saunders, MSN, RN, CNE
Homood Alharbi, MSN, RN (Saudi Arabia)
Ala’a Dalky, BSN, RN (Jordan)
Students and faculty—Having a wonderful time, with the conversations, food, and prizes...

Good opportunity to socialize with friends, families, & faculty. What fun !!!!

A lot of smiley faces :)!!!!!!!
Dancing Time!!!!!

Dr. Anthony dancing with Chutarat, a PhD student from Thailand

Dr. Ross & Pim (Thai PhD student) trying to learn from Ghada the Jordanian dance “Dabkah”!!!!

Attendants were asked to dress up with their national or most fun costume to celebrate their hard work at the end of academic year. Ghada (PhD student, Jordan) with the best costume won 1st prize!!

Voting for the best shoes!!!

This is really FUN!!!
How to get published internationally" & "Getting ready for reappointment, tenure, and promotion using adapted Boyer’s Model": Presented By Dr. Ross for faculty at Saint Louis College, Bangkok, Thailand in June.

Drs. Drew and Dzurec presented at Sigma Theta Tau International in Prague in July. After a day of conference they were invited to the Castle District the Lesser Town, two important and beautiful areas of Prague. “We were so grateful for the opportunity to see this beautiful city” Dr. Drew said.

Dr. Ross’s presentation “Mixed methods in health care research.” for doctoral students at the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand in June.
Dr. Ross taught research methodologies: Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research at Saku University, Japan in June 2013.

Study abroad experience

Ashtabula Kent State University nursing students travelled to the Dominican Republic in May for an experiential learning opportunity the culmination of the “Professional Nursing with a Global Perspective” course taught last spring.

Course professors, Tamra Courey, MSN, and Julie Senita, MSN, travelled with eight students along with Dr. Lori Herpen and Dr. John DeCato, two local podiatrists. The group spent a week serving the medical needs of the Barahona community in the Dominican Republic.

Good bye for now...and hope everyone is enjoying the Fall semester!